THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suggestions to boost Aviation Industry

3404. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions to give the much-needed boost to the Indian aviation industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government receives several suggestions for development of airlines and airports, which is an ongoing process. Besides, the Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Naresh Chandra to prepare a roadmap for civil aviation sector has also given various suggestions for the development of civil aviation sector of the country. Based on these suggestions comprehensive "National Civil Aviation Policy" has been drafted in consultation with the stakeholders in the aviation sector. The draft Civil Aviation Policy is presently under inter-ministerial consultation before being submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

Accidents involving small aeroplanes/helicopters

†3405. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reports of Investigating Committees in connection with the accidents of small aeroplanes/helicopters having a single engine during last five years;

(b) whether Government are implementing the recommendations of said reports;

(c) whether the safety arrangements made by Government in this regard are at par with the international standards; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

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†Ortginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) During the last five years there have been 17 accidents. However, for the accident at Kaikalur near Vijayawada on 03.03.2002 of M/s. Deccan Aviation's Bell-206 helicopter (having a single engine in which three persons including Shri G.M.C. Balyogi, former Speaker, Lok Sabha received fatal injury), Committee headed by Lt. General A. Natarajan was appointed. This Committee had made three recommendations, which are being implemented by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(c) and (d) To the extent possible safety standards as enunciated by International Civil Aviation Organisation are followed by DGCA.

Under utilisation of cargo capacity of IA

3406. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines aircraft cargo capacity remained unutilised in the last couple of years resulting into a loss of Rs. 369.25 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to check the declining trend in the carriage of cargo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The cargo carriage and revenue earned by Indian Airlines have shown increasing trend over the last three years. Even then, Indian Airlines has launched aggressive marketing schemes and is taking measures like cargo computerization with track and trace facility on the net, having its own cargo website on the net, entering into prorata agreements with various airlines to increase cargo carriage etc. to improve the cargo tonnage/ revenue further.